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JOB PRINTING,
SUCH AS
LABELS, CARDS, TICKETS,
PROGRAMS, HANDBILLS,
PAMPHLETS,
AND ALL KINDS OF
PRINTING.
DONE AT THE OFFICE OF THE
Massillon Independent,
Monthly, on terms adapted to the
needs of the advertiser. A variety of new job
types, which have been added to the
existing ones on hand, are prepared to accom-
modate our customers in a style with which they
cannot but be pleased.

BANKS.
First National Bank,
ERIE STREET, MASSILLON, OHIO.
Capital, \$200,000.
S. Hunt, Cash. (2117) I. STEESE, Pres.

ATTORNEYS.
Anson Pease,
AUTHORIZED
Claim, Bounty and Pension Agency.
Office over First National Bank, Massillon, O.
HENRY E. FROST,
Attorney-at-Law and Notary Public, New Lisbon,
Ohio. Office second story, over bank, street, Wal-
nut street. Titles to Real Estate examined, and
collected. Another business promptly attended
to. June, 1868.

PHYSICIANS.
H. CEROLD, M. D.
Office (for the present) over Union National
Bank, Erie street, Massillon, O.
Former associate of Prof. H. R. Storer,
Boston, Mass., 1852-53.

A. METZ, M. D.—Office and residence on
North street, Massillon, Ohio.
Office hours: 7 to 9 a.m.; 1 to 2 p.m.; 6 to 7 p.m.
Office hours: 7 to 9 a.m.; 1 to 2 p.m.; 6 to 7 p.m.
To secure prompt attention of day or evening
visits must be sent by 9 o'clock, and for after-
noon visits by 3 o'clock. Aug 9-163 ft

T. J. REED, M. D.—over Harkness's Clo-
thing Store, Massillon, Ohio.
DR. HOUTZ & RIDENOUR, Physi-
cians and Surgeons, Canal Fulton, O.
A. M. SOWERS, Physician and Surgeon, Ca-
nal Fulton, Ohio.

D. R. LYON, M. D.
Office—Corner Mill and Main streets,
Massillon, Ohio.

Doctor Richards,
Office and residence on Mill street,
Canton, O. 233 ft

DRUGGISTS.
JOSEPH WATSON,
Druggist,
Main street, Massillon, Ohio.
Keeps constantly on hand Oils, Paints, Drugs, Med-
icines, Brushes, Varnish, Linum, Oil, and Win-
dow Papers, and every other article in his line.
dear friends and every other article in his line.

EDWARD KACHLER,
Druggist and Bookseller,
Main street, Massillon, Ohio.
DEALER IN
DRUGS AND BOOKS,
Medicines, Oils, Paints, Varnish, Glue, Perfumery,
Patent Medicines, and all the latest and most
valuable articles in his line.

DENTISTS.
E. CHIDESTER,
DENTIST.
Office on Main street, over Harkness & Hummer's.
All operations in Dentistry warranted, and
charges as low as those of any other dentist.
Sutcliffe, Perch, or Hard Rubber work done in the
best possible style with Harkness's celebrated
High Pressure Vulcanizer.
Massillon, July 4, 1863-113

A. H. JOHNSON, Surgeon Dentist,
(Successor to D. W. Jeffrey.)
Office north side Main street, over Conrad's Har-
dware Store, Massillon, O.

H. E. WATSON, Surgeon Dentist,
Office on Main street, over Harkness & Hummer's.
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GROCERIES.
H. K. DICKEY & CO.,
Wholesale Grocers & Tobacco Dealers
(SELL TO THE TRADE ONLY.)
MASSILLON, O. 106-117

FREDERICK LEFFLER,
Retail Grocer,
And Dealer in Flour, Provisions, Stoves, Wooden
and Willow Ware, Cans and Lard, Cigars,
Coffees, Confectionery, Fruits, Toys,
Fancy Baskets, Children's Willow
Ware, and all the latest and most
valuable articles in his line.
American Hotel, Main street, Massillon, O.

Morganthal, Jr., & Breed,
GROCERS,
Successors to D. R. Atwater & Co.,
Main street, Massillon, O. 106-117

LUMBERMEN.
New Lumber Yard.
The undersigned has just opened and stocked a
new Lumber Yard, south of Fremont street,
west of the Canal, where he proposes to keep
on hand and for sale a great variety of
Pine Lumber, Dressed Flooring,
Pine Shingles, and Lath,
all of which he will sell at the lowest prices. Call
and examine his material. WM. CASTLEMAN
Oct. 11-122 ft

New Lumber Yard.
The subscriber is now prepared to fill bills for
LUMBER, at Cleveland Prices, freight
added, on short notice.
I have a full Stock of Pine Tim-
ber and Lumber, Flooring, Siding,
Ceiling, Barn Boards, Bat-
tens, Shingles and Lath,
In short, EVERYTHING in the Lumber Line.
The public are respectfully invited to call at
the office in the White Warehouse opposite the Depo-
sition, Ohio, on
March 9-213 ft

MISCELLANEOUS.
D. R. ATWATER & CO.,
Forwarding & Commission Merchants,
And Dealers in all kinds of
Country Produce.
Warehouse in rear of Atwater Block, 160

W. F. RICKS & BRO.,
Dry Goods Merchants,
Massillon, O.

KILLINGER & CO.,
MANUFACTURERS OF
Cooking, Parlor and Heating Stoves,
Flows, Plow Points, Cultivators,
Belts, and Miscellaneous Castings.
Office and Foundry on Main street, between Can-
al and river, Massillon, O. 75

BLANKS FOR SALE HERE.

INSURE YOUR LIFE WITH THE Guardian Mutual Life Insurance Comp. of New-York City.

Assets, Over One Million Dollars.
ALL POLICIES NON-FORFEITABLE.
FIFTY per Cent. Dividend declared January 1, 1869.
H. H. GAGAN, Sec. W. H. PECKHAM, Pres.
M. O. WAGGONER, Gen'l. Sup't. for Ohio and Michigan, Norwalk, O.
Col. EDWARD BRIGGS, Special Agent, Massillon, O.
Dr. D. R. LYON, Medical Examiner. 249 1y

Myers & Willison,
MANUFACTURERS OF
EBS, SPOKES, AND BENT MATERIAL FOR
WAGONS AND CARRIAGES.
PLANNING AND WATCHING
DONE TO ORDER.
Factory and Office north end Erie street, Mas-
sillon, Ohio. April 12-163 ft

A. HARSH,
WHOLESALE DEALER IN
Notions & Fancy Goods
AND MANUFACTURER OF
Umbrellas and Parasols,
Corner of Main and Factory streets, Massillon, O.
REPAIRING DONE PROMPTLY. 116

A. T. Skinner,
COMMISSION MERCHANT,
Massillon, Ohio.
Wool, Sheep Pelts, and Furs
BOUGHT. 267 Office in Stone Block.

WILLIAM BROWN,
Dealer in Coal,
Which is constantly kept for sale near
Massillon Steam Mills, Erie street. 75

J. H. JUSTUS & CO.,
PROPRIETORS SIPPON VALLEY MILLS.
Are ready at all times to wait on cus-
tomers with despatch and in good
style. Feb. 15-138 1y

ISAAC H. BROWN,
Notary Public and Insurance Agent,
Massillon, Ohio.
Office with S. Lind & Co.,
Erie Street, near Massillon Steam Mills.

**The Most Perfect
SIGHT PRESERVERS
Ever Manufactured.**
We have this day appointed
MR. LOUIS SCHAEFFLE,
Watchmaker and Jeweler
—AND—
Dealer in Musical Instruments,
ERIE STREET.

Nearly Opposite the Union National Bank,
Sole Agent in Massillon and vicinity for the sale
of our Celebrated Perfect Sight Preservers.
Glasses, in which are embodied all the improve-
ments that science has discovered and art perfected.
An opportunity is thus afforded of procuring at all
times Spectacles and Eye Glasses unequalled by
any for the strength and preserving qualities.
Too much importance cannot be attached to
this fact, that while the ordinary glasses
STRAIN AND TIRE
And Wear the Eye;
and in so many cases cause dizziness or other un-
pleasant sensations in the head. Our celebrated
Perfect Spectacles and Eye Glasses are
ALWAYS EASY
AND PLEASANT.

Assist the sight most brilliantly and cause a con-
tinuous and abiding improvement in the eyes. In-
stead of many years without change being neces-
sary. And are also the cheapest as well as the best.
We employ no peddlers. Our spectacles are to be
had in Massillon and vicinity only at above.

LAZARUS & MORRIS,
Manufacturing Opticians
Hartford, Conn.
280 1y

**THE CHEAP
Philadelphia
New Clothing Store,**
Just opened in the well known room
so long occupied by M. Oppenheimer
Main street, Massillon, Ohio, where the
public will find at all times a great va-
riety of

**READY-MADE
CLOTHING.**
For Men and Boys'
such as
French and Italian
Black Cloth Suits,
Harris's Cassimere,
Silk Mixture, &c., &c.
I do business on Smaller Profits than
any other House, and am determined
To sell Goods cheap;
and if you wish
GOOD BARGAINS
In any of the above mentioned arti-
cles, including a Full Assortment of
Gentlemen's Furnishing Goods
of all grades and styles, Hats,
Caps, Trunks, Valises, &c.,
Constantly on hand, and at the most
accommodating prices, call and see
the Goods; no trouble to show them
at the Cheap Philadelphia New Cloth-
ing Store, Main street, Massillon, O.
280 1y M. DAVIDSON. Aa 11.

JUSTICES' Blanks,
Such as Attachment papers, Executions, Sum-
mons, Subpoenas, Constables' Sales, also, Le-
gal Mortgage, &c., for sale at this office.



**NATIONAL
Life Insurance Co.,**
OF THE
United States of America,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Chartered by Special Act of Congress,
APPROVED JULY 25 1853.

Cash Capital, - - \$1,000,000.
PAID IN FULL.

BRANCH OFFICE:
First National Bank Building
PHILADELPHIA,

Where the general business of the company is
transacted, and to which all general correspondence
should be addressed.

OFFICERS:
CLARENCE H. CLARK, President.
JAY COOKE, Chairman Finance and Executive
Committee.
HENRY D. COOKE, Vice-President.
EMERSON W. PLET, Secretary and Actuary.

This company, national in its character, offers by
reason of its large capital, low rates of premium
and new tables, the most desirable means of insur-
ing life yet presented to the public.
The rates of premium being largely reduced, are
made as favorable to the insured as those of the
best Mutual companies, and avoid all the complica-
tions and uncertainties of notes, dividends, and
misunderstandings which the latter are so apt to
cause the policy holder.

Several of our attractive tables are now pre-
sented, which need only to be understood to prove
acceptable to the public, such as the Income Pro-
ducing Policy and Return Premium Policy. In the
former, the policy holder not only secures a life in-
surance, payable at death, but will receive, if liv-
ing, after a period of a few years, an annual income
equal to ten per cent of the par of his policy. In
the latter, the company agrees to return the assured
the total amount of money he has paid in, in ad-
dition to the amount of his policy.

The attention of persons contemplating insur-
ing their lives or increasing the amount of insurance
already having, is called to the special advan-
tages offered by this National Life Insurance Co.
Circulars, pamphlets and full particulars given
on application to the branch office of the company,
or to
JOHN W. ELI, Jr.,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

General Agents for Ohio and Central and South
Indiana.
CLARK & ALEXANDER, Special Agents for
Stark, Wayne, Summit and Portage Counties.
H. P. BALDWIN, Local Agent, Massillon,
Ohio.

P., Ft. W. & C. Railway.
On and after Nov 23d, 1868, trains will leave sta-
tions daily, Sundays excepted, as follows: Train
leaving Chicago at 5-55 p.m. leaves daily. Train
leaving Pittsburgh at 2-55 p.m. leaves daily.
Massillon, Ohio.
Pittsburgh, Pa.
Chicago, Ill.

TRAINS GOING WEST.
Stations. Express. Freight.
Pittsburgh 6:45 A.M. 7:30 P.M.
Cleveland 8:15 A.M. 9:00 P.M.
Cincinnati 9:45 A.M. 10:30 P.M.
St. Louis 11:15 A.M. 12:00 P.M.
Chicago 12:45 P.M. 1:30 P.M.

TRAINS GOING EAST.
Stations. Express. Freight.
Chicago 7:00 A.M. 8:00 P.M.
St. Louis 8:30 A.M. 9:30 P.M.
Cincinnati 10:00 A.M. 11:00 P.M.
Cleveland 11:30 A.M. 12:30 P.M.
Pittsburgh 1:00 P.M. 2:00 P.M.

Youngstown, New Castle and Erie Express leaves
Youngstown, 5:30 p.m. New Castle, 4:00 p.m.; ar-
rives Pittsburgh, 6:00 p.m. Returning, leaves
Pittsburgh 7:30 a.m. arrives New Castle, 9:40 a.m.;
Youngstown, 11:00 a.m.

F. R. MYERS, Gen. Ticket Agent.
Cleveland and Pittsburgh Railroad.
On and after Nov 23d, 1868, trains will leave sta-
tions daily (Sundays excepted) as follows:
Massillon, Ohio.
Pittsburgh, Pa.
Chicago, Ill.

MAIN LINE—
Stations. Express. Freight.
Cleveland 6:45 A.M. 7:30 P.M.
Pittsburgh 8:15 A.M. 9:00 P.M.
Cincinnati 9:45 A.M. 10:30 P.M.
St. Louis 11:15 A.M. 12:00 P.M.
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Chicago 12:45 P.M. 1:30 P.M.

A highly intelligent lady, a resident of Syra-
cuse, N. Y., says that she was afflicted
nearly a year, periodically, with derangement
of the circulation, the blood rushing to the
longs with such force as to threaten conges-
tion and death. This was attended with the
most intense pain in all parts of the body.
Failing to obtain relief from any of the phy-
sicians whom she employed from time to
time, she was induced to try the Plantation
Bitters, and to her surprise and joy they
relieved her, and she is in good health and
flesh.

MAGNOLIA WATER.—Superior to the best
imported German Cologne, and sold at half
the price.—17274

Bank of G. D. Harter & Brother,
East Tuscarawas St., Canton, Ohio.

Gold, Silver, and Exchange, bought and sold
Sight Drafts on England, France, Germany and
Ireland for sale.
Passage Tickets to and from England, Ireland,
France and Germany on hand and for sale.
Small Coins furnished.
Money Lent.
Promissory Notes bought.
Business Paper purchased.
Government Bonds bought, sold and exchanged.
Deposits received and interest allowed on Time
Deposits.
All business transacted promptly and at reason-
able rates. At the Bank of
G. D. HARTER & BRO., Canton, O.

**Grand Opening
For the Holidays at
COLEMAN'S.**

Gold and Silver Watches.
RICH JEWELRY.
Diamonds.
Sterling Silver Ware.
Napkin Rings.
Fruit Knives.
Gold Pens—a full assortment.
Gold and Silver Thimbles.

The best stock of silver plated Spoons,
Forks, Ice Pitchers, Cake Baskets
Castors and every thing in that line
ever before offered in Massillon.

BOHEMIAN GLASS
Toilet Sets.
Clocks in great variety.
Musical Instruments, &c.,
Violin Strings and Trimmings.

Fancy Goods, &c.;
All suitable for Holiday Gifts, and
WILL be sold at Prices LOWER THAN EVER
—Customers are invited to be suited, both in
Goods and Prices. 233 J. COLEMAN.

**The Second Arrival
OF
READY MADE
CLOTHING.**

**LATEST STYLES,
HATS, CAPS, &c.**
The largest stock of
Gentlemen's Under Wear

Ever brought to Massillon. The finest
and best selected stock and second
arrival of
Fine Cloths
of all the leading colors,
Choice Cassimeres
and Vestings,
All of which will positively be sold
Cheaper than the Cheapest!
Come and Call Yourself,
AT
H. HAAS'
Clothing Establishment.
Under the supervision of
Mr. George W. Lamborn,
(Formerly with M. Oppenheimer)
Opposite Opera-House,
MASSILLON, OHIO
Nov. 3d, 1868-1f

INDEPENDENT.

NIGHT SCENES IN THE BIBLE.—Many of
the most affecting and most important scenes
described in the Bible, transpired under the
splendors of oriental night. Sodom and
Egypt, Beersheba and Babylon, Carmel
and Gilboa, Olivet and Emmaus, Jerusalem
and the sea of Galilee, have each, by night, been
witnesses of the power and glory of the om-
nipotent Jehovah.

The author of Night Scenes in the Bible,
has followed the shadow of night across the
landscape of divine revelation, and grouped
together the sacred scenes which are made
awful or impressive by the mantle of dark-
ness.

He has succeeded in bringing to light new
and beautiful gems from the mine of bible
truth, and has produced a delightful volume.
The leading clergymen of the country have
given it their most cordial approval as a
charming and instructive work.

The style in which it is published excels
anything it has been our privilege to examine.
The steel engravings by the first artists of the
country are perfect gems of art. We have
space to describe but two of them. The first
is The Night Watch in Mount Ser. Beside
one of the mountain passes, with grand peaks
towering, crag upon crag, on either side, stands
the watch tower, with its solitary watchman.
Just through the pass can be seen the first
bright streaks of approaching dawn. At the
foot of the pass, wholly shaded by the over-
hanging crags, a party of travelers are en-
camped. They cry out to the watchman:
"Watchman, what of the night," and down
through the pass comes reverberating that
cheerful cry, "The morning cometh." Again
we pass on down the ages to the time when
the long looked for morning had come, and
the sun of righteousness has arisen with heal-
ing in his beams. Before us up a lone
mountain side, and a prostrate form kneeling
on its uncushioned rock. The pale moon
beams creep among the crags, just revealing
their barrenness, the stars shine dimly over
head; a huge night bird flaps his wings and
alone breaks the stillness of the midnight
hour; but glory surrounds the slowly
forming—it is Jesus, for "he came to
pass in those days that He went out into a
mountain to pray, and continued all night in
prayer to God." It was a sublime scene, and
the representation before us tends to awaken
the most devout reflections.

We love to dwell upon the scenes portrayed
in these illustrations; and we feel that no one
can fail to be benefited both by these
truthful and impressive pictures, and by the
earnest words of the writer. Let parents,
who wish to have their children love the
Word of God, and understand its lessons of
wisdom and love, secure this volume, and give
them free access to its pages.

Night Scenes in the Bible, by Rev. Daniel
March, D. D. Zeigler, McCurdy & Co., Pub-
lishers, Philadelphia, Pa. Cincinnati, O.;
Chicago, Ill.; St. Louis, Mo.

MELODIA.—Howe's Musical Monthly, of
Boston, contains about six dollars worth of
music, when sold at retail; but in this shape
it can be had for 35 cents. This will com-
mend it to the lovers of the art divine.

Peter's Musical monthly, N. Y. for March,
has not less than a dozen pieces of music—
instrumental and vocal—several very popu-
lar pieces. This monthly gives about \$40
worth of music in a year.

BALLOU for April comes to us freighted
with its usual amount of literary reading. It
is a permanent institution among our month-
lies. Boston—Elliott, Thomas & Talbot.

LEISURE HOURS will interest the reader
several hours in the reading. The remem-
brances of Pittsburgh alone are worth the
price of the magazine. O'Dwyer & Co. pub-
lishers.

MAYNE REID's new magazine, Onward,
seems to be growing in popularity with the
young people, the March number requiring
the issue of two editions to meet the demand.
Its aim is to entertain and it is calculated to
do so. Several serials are running, and such
accounts as those of a Mountain ascent under
the guidance of a madman, and of the vivid
and horrible nightmare after eating a heavy
supper, contained in the March number are
of the thrilling order. The verses usually
printed are bad, but The Ancient Clock, in
the last number has some merit. Mayne
Reid's editorials are brief, vigorous, independ-
ent and discriminating.

Home Circle and Temperance Oracle is a
moral literary and temperance family paper.
Monthly, 16 pages for binding. The amount
is so small, and the articles so choice, that no
family will regret the sum. Price \$1 a year.
A complete history of the Queens of England,
is now being published, essays on the poets,
travels, biography, story wit humor, etc. A
love of a thing the ladies say. A copy free
for a club of six, and a specimen will be sent
gratis to any one who wishes to send a list
from their lodge or town, also, to pastors or
church members who wish to identify them-
selves with its interests. S. M. Kennedy, edi-
tor, 194 Clark st., Chicago.

AGENTS WANTED in every city town and
country in the United States, to sell our new
and popular engraving, the Presidents of the
United States, elegantly engraved and hand-
some printed in colors, 28 x 34 inches, on
heavy plate paper, making the most beauti-
ful and valuable picture ever issued, appro-
priate for the parlor or counting house. Agents
are making from \$25 to \$100 per week. Send
for our circular.

To Agents—Specimen copies of the above
picture will be sent to any address by mail,
carefully put up upon the receipt of the re-
tail price, two dollars. Address Rushton &
Co., Publishers, 219 Dock street, Philadel-
phia. 297-3t

A Bad Fire.

'Jones, have you heard of the fire
that burned up a man's house and lot?
'No, Smith, where was it?
'Here in the city.
'What a misfortune to him! Was it
a good house?
'Yes, a nice house and lot, —a good
home for any family.
'What a pity! how did it fire take?
'The man played with fire, and
thoughtlessly set it himself.
'How silly! Did you say the lot was
burned too?
'Yes, lot and all; all gone, sick and
crazy.
'That is singular. It must have been
a terrible fire—and then, I don't
well see how it could burn the lot.
'No, it was not a very large fire, nor
a very hot fire. Indeed, it was so
small that it attracted but little atten-
tion and did not alarm any one. The
man for whom it did so much mischief
saw it all the while, and thought it a
little matter. A few drops of water
would have put it out at any time. In
fact, it often went out of itself, and the
man lighted it again.
'What for, I should like to know?
'Oh! he didn't seem to think what
harm it was doing. He liked the
smell of fire, and amused himself with
the pretty smoke.
'But how could such a fire burn up a
house and lot? You haven't told me.
'It burned a long time—more than
twenty years. And though it seemed
to consume very slowly, yet it wore
away about one hundred and fifty dol-
lar's worth every year, till it was all
gone.
'I can't quite understand you yet.
Tell me where the fire was kindled,
and all about it.
'Well, then, it was kindled in the
end of a cigar. The cigars cost him,
he himself told me, twelve and a half
dollars a month, and that in twenty
years would amount to \$3,150, besides
all the interest. Now, the money was
worth at least ten per cent, and at
that rate it would double about once
in seven years. So that the whole
sum would be more than ten thousand
dollars. That would buy a fine house
and lot, even in Chicago. It would
pay for a large farm in the country.
Don't you pity the family of the foolish
man who has slowly burned up their
home?
'Weigh! I guess you mean that
for me, for I have smoked more than
twenty years. But I didn't know it
cost me as much as that. And I
haven't any house of my own. Have
always rented—thought I was too poor
to own a house. And all because I
have been burning it up! What a fool
I have been!
'There is still another idea.
'What is that?
'You may live twenty years longer
and burn up another home.
'I see, I ought to leave off smoking.
'Yes, many smokers feel that they
ought to leave off smoking.
'But I mean to give up cigars, and
quit.
'Yes I have known many to quit—
the same man at least half a dozen
times.
'Friend Smith, I tell you I am de-
termined to quit once and forever, and
break myself completely of a bad hab-
it. I am resolved to put out this fire,
never to light it again. I won't burn
up another home that my family so
much need, and that I shall need in
old age, and my children after I am
dead and gone.
'Well said, Jones! now I trust you
will. If you are fully resolved, you
can, though I promise you a severe
struggle. If you are not fully set in
your purposes, the old habit will be
too strong for you, and your second
house and lot also will vanish in
smoke.
'The boys had better never set a fire
which costs so much, and which they
might be so easily put out, as yet so
likely, if once kindled, to keep burning
all their lives.

Earthquakes.
Nor does the earthquake give any no-
tice of his coming. Not the most ex-
perienced observer whose life may
have been passed in the most favored
land of the destroyer, can foretell by
signs in the earth, air, or heavens,
when the dread visitation is at hand.
Sometimes it comes when the tropic
skies are cloudless, when the air is fresh
with the scent of summer flowers, and
the breeze plays with the orange leaves;
sometimes the stars are brightest, and
night smiles upon the earth. At others
the air is thick and heavy; a dull fog
covers the skies, and a sulphurous
stench sickens the sense. Sometimes
it comes in darkness, and then in the
broad daylight. Now in winter, when
the air is calm and cool; now in sum-
mer, when all nature melts beneath the
torrid heat. At Lima, says a traveler,
the inhabitants believed that they could
foretell an earthquake when the rats
ran swiftly over the rafters of the
houses or when the stars twinkled with
an ominous brightness. But the next
one came in a starless night, and the
rats were unusually quiet. The Span-
ish conquerors imagined that earth-
quakes happened only once in a hun-
dred years in Peru and Chili, until their
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